

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As filed, this application included claims 1-24. A first office action rejected all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1-6, 9-16 and 18-24 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,870,089 to Fabbio et al. ("Fabbio") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,031,214 to Dziwit et al. ("Dziwit") and further in view of the web page www.legalstar.com as archived by WAYBACK MACHINE™ (www.archive.org) on April 21, 1999 ("LegalStar"). Claims 7 and 17 were rejected as being unpatentable over the combination of Fabbio, Dziwit and LegalStar in view of the publication "Design, Implementation, And Evaluation Of A Revision Control System" by Tichy, published 1982 ("Tichy"). Claim 8 was rejected under as being unpatentable over Fabbio, Dziwit and LegalStar in combination in view of the web page www.adobe.com as archived by WAYBACK MACHINE™ (www.archive.org) on January 25, 1999 ("Adobe '99").

This amendment amends claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 17 and 20. This amendment also adds new claims 25-37. No claims have been canceled. Hence, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-37 will stand pending in the application.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "receiving from a user a first signal indicating that one or more of the electronic documents are to be filed a patent office" Claims 9 and 20 have been amended in similar fashion (the amendment to claim 9 refers to a "second signal"). Support for these amendments can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 54 of the application. Claim 3 has been amended to recite "allowing a user to perform a manual verification of the locked electronic documents" Support for this amendment can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 55 of the application. Claim 4 has been amended to recite "electronically filing the electronic documents in the patent office." Support for this amendment can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraphs 34 and 58 of the application. Claims 7 and 17 have been amended to recite that "the file history portion of the graphical user interface provides a record of documents submitted to a patent office." Support for these amendments can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 52 of

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the application. Claim 12 has been amended to recite that “locking down the one or more documents prevents further editing of the one or more documents.” Support for this amendment can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 52 of the application.

New claim 25 recites “receiving a second signal indicating that the one or more electronic documents needs to be edited; and automatically unlocking the one or more documents into an editable form.” Support for claim 25 can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 55 of the application. New claims 26, 28 and 31 recite “transmitting the electronic documents to the patent office via an interface to an electronic filing system of the patent office.” Support for these amendments can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 34 of the application. New claim 27 recites “electronically filing the one or more documents in a patent office,” support for which can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraphs 34 and 58 of the application. Claims 29 and 30 recite that “the first signal comprises a user moving a document from a first section of a graphical interface to a second section of a graphical interface.” Support for these amendments can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraph 55 of the application.

New claims 32 and 33 are, respectively, a system claim and a computer program claim, each of which correspond to the method of claim 1. Support for claim 32 and 33, therefore, may be found in claim 1 (and the portions of the written description that support claim 1), as well as in Fig. 2 and the description thereof. New claim 34 recites that “at least one of the plurality of documents is stored on a second computer system,” and that “the computer readable medium comprises further instructions executable by the processor to load the at least one of the plurality of documents from the second computer system onto the computer system prior to locking the one or more of the electronic documents.” Support for claim 34 can be found, *inter alia*, in paragraph 57.

New claim 35 recites a method of electronically filing document. Support for this claim can be found in, *inter alia*, claims 1 and 4 (and the portions of the written description that support those claims). New claim 36, which depends from claim 35, is similar to claim 19. Support for new claim 37 can be found in, *inter alia*, paragraphs 54 and 58 of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The office action rejected claims 1-24 under § 103(a) as unpatentable over a combination of Fabbio, Dziweit and LegalStar (further combined, in some cases, with additional references). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and submit the following arguments in support of their position. The cited references, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest every limitation of any claim pending in the application.

Take, for example, claim 1, which recites “receiving from a user a first signal indicating that one or more of the electronic documents are to be filed in a patent office.” The office action posits that Fabbio’s disclosure of a “notification” teaches this element. Fabbio clearly teaches, however, that the “notification service” of Fabbio’s system is merely a delivery notification service that can inform the user of the delivery status of a package. (*see, e.g.*, c. 3, ll. 40-41; c. 6, ll. 6-8; c. 8, ll. 2-5, 21-22). In fact, Fabbio’s use of the term “notification” relates exclusively to notifications from the system to the user. Clearly, such a notification neither teaches nor suggest receiving a notification from a user. More broadly, Fabbio is directed toward a system for sending packages of documents to a variety of devices, including fax machines, printers, etc. Notwithstanding Fabbio’s teaching that one such “device” can be an email address (*see* c. 3, ll. 3-11), Fabbio nowhere even suggests filing a document anywhere, let alone a patent office. Fabbio simply cannot be read to teach or suggest “receiving from a user a first signal indicating that one or more of the electronic documents are to be filed in a patent office.”

Claim 1 further recites “automatically locking the one or more electronic documents into a non-editable form.” The office action asserts that Dziweit teaches this element. While Dziweit does teach the concept of “locking” a document, Dziweit’s locking mechanism clearly fails to teach that locking a document puts that document into a non-editable form. Instead, Dziweit (c. 10, ll. 8-13) teaches that “subroutine file lock 202 . . . loads file ‘contract’ into the document authentication software 143 and prevents unauthorized access or modification of this file. At this stage the file can be edited by preauthorized users (the contracting parties) . . .” (emphasis added). Clearly, a document “locked” by Dziweit’s system remains in an editable form. It is notable that the only portions (other than the abstract) of Dziweit cited in the office

action are two “means” limitations of the claims. One of these limitations (claim 4) simply recites “means . . . for disregarding any further document modification signals transmitted by said individual to said processor.” This does not teach that the document is non-editable, however. It simply means that “said individual” cannot edit the document; clearly, it is possible that other users could edit the document. Read in light of the specification, therefore, if claim 4 actually recites the “lock subroutine”, then “said individual” must simply be an unauthorized user. The other claim cited by the office action (claim 8) recites “means responsive to said disabling means and said confirming means for preventing said processor from modifying said document.” It is unclear to what function in the specification this limitation refers, since nothing in the specification seems to support this limitation. Clearly, however, it does not refer to the document locking subroutine discussed above. Moreover, without some support in the specification, this limitation cannot be considered an enabling disclosure sufficient to teach the element recited in claim 1. Hence, because the “document locking” described in Dziewit plainly allows preauthorized users to edit the “locked” document, the document locking of Dziewit cannot be read to teach or suggest “automatically locking the one or more electronic documents into a non-editable form,” as claim 1 recites.

Finally, the office action concedes neither Fabbio nor Dziewit disclose that the electronic documents are associated with a patent application or that a signal (which neither Fabbio nor Dziewit discloses) might indicate that one or more of the electronic documents are to be filed in a patent office. The office action asserts, however, that LegalStar discloses electronic patent forms. Clearly, however, the LegalStar documents (which are in a product called “IP LegalForm”) are merely electronic “templates” that may be filled out by a user and printed. Nothing in LegalStar suggests a signal indicating that such documents are to be filed in a patent office. (It is worth noting, moreover, that while LegalStar now does support filing documents from within the LegalStar software, that functionality was available no earlier than February 1, 2003, when the LegalStar website advertised a press release touting this forthcoming feature (*See* Exhibit 1, printout from 2/1/03 snapshot of LegalStar.com, taken from the Internet Archive at www.archive.com).

Hence, the cited references, even if combined, utterly fail to disclose each limitation of even claim 1. Moreover, even if the teachings of these references could be cobbled together to teach or suggest the limitations of any claims, neither the references nor the art in general provide any suggestion or motivation to combine them in the asserted manner. Merely by way of example, Fabbio teaches a versatile system for sending documents to a variety of devices, of which an email address is but one. More importantly, Fabbio teaches only one-way communication, even in the context of email. By contrast, Dziewit teaches a collaborative system for producing contracts, wills, etc., whereby multiple parties edit a document, which is authenticated by Dziewit's system. Nothing in Fabbio teaches any need for such authentication; further, since, Fabbio teaches the emailing of documents from one system to another, it is difficult to see how Dziewit, which handles document coordination through its own process, could be combined with Fabbio to produce any operable system.

The office action further suggests that one skilled in the art would be motivated to combine this inoperable system with LegalStar's "electronic documents" for "the electronic filing of documents as per LegalStar." As noted above, however, LegalStar does not teach electronic filing of documents. Moreover, the asserted need to "provide the advantage of rendering electronic documents such as that of LegalStar '99 the degree of trust associated with paper documents, thus providing for automation of the patent application process" is nonsensical, since LegalStar, by its nature, is capable of producing only paper documents, not documents that can be filed electronically, and it is difficult to see how any indicia of trust associated with the electronic document could apply to a printed copy as well. *See* Exhibit 2 (printout of IP LegalForm manual, <http://www.legalstar.com/pdf/iplegalform.pdf>, visited 10/26/04). Hence, there is no cognizable suggestion or motivation to combine these three references in the contemplated manner.

Claim 1, therefore, is allowable over the cited references. For at least similar reasons, independent claims 12, 20, 32, 34, and 35 are allowable as well.

Dependent claims 2-11, 13-19, 21-31, 33, 36 and 37 are allowable as depending from allowable based claims as well as being directed to specific novel substitutes. Merely by

way of example, claim 4 recites “electronically filing the electronic documents in the patent office.” None of the cited references teach or suggest this element. The mere fact that a document, in accordance with the asserted combination, may be forwarded to an arbitrary destination neither teaches nor suggests that the combination may be used to file a document with a patent office in any way, to say nothing of filing a document electronically.

As another example, claim 3 recites “allowing a user to perform a manual verification of the locked electronic documents prior to filing the documents in the patent office.” The office action asserts that this element is taught by “individual document editing, which reads on a manual verification of an electronic document” Assuming the office action’s reading of Dziewit’s “locking” reads on “automatically locking the electronic documents” recited in claim 1 (which, as noted above, it does not), that locking would prevent the editing (manual or otherwise) of that document, making the asserted combination unable to allow the editing of a locked document, contrary to the office action’s assertion with respect to claim 3. In other words, the office action tries to have it both ways—in rejecting claim 1, the office action asserts that Dziewit’s document locking prevents any edits to a document, but then in rejecting claim 3, the office action asserts that the combination of Dziewit with Fabbio and LegalStar allows a locked document to be edited, reading on claim 3’s manual verification of the document. Both cannot be true, and in fact, the applicants respectfully would argue that neither is true.

Claim 6 recites that “automatically locking includes automatically converting the one or more electronic documents from a first document type to a locked image file.” The office action states, in cursory fashion, that the combination of Fabbio, Dziewit and LegalStar “disclose wherein the automatically locking includes automatically converting the one or more electronic documents from a first document type to a locked image file.” The office action fails to support this statement, however, and nothing in the cited passages of those references, appears to teach or suggest this automatic conversion feature. Even assuming, *arguendo*, that the references teach automatic conversion at all (a proposition the applicants do not concede), the office action fails to show how the references teach automatic conversion as part of a locking process. For at least similar reasons, the rejection of claim 10 is improper.

In rejecting claim 7, the office action contends that Tichy's revision control system teaches a file history portion of a graphical user interface. While Tichy does teach the maintenance of a history of particular files, it fails to teach that this file history has anything to do with a graphical user interface (indeed, given the state of technology in 1982, it would be difficult to see how Tichy could teach a graphical interface). Moreover, the term "file history" is a term of art, as one skilled in the art would appreciate, and the applicants respectfully submit that the office action misperceives the scope of claim 7 in rejecting that claim. To more clearly indicate its scope, claim 7, as amended, now recites that "the file history portion of the graphical user interface provides a record of documents submitted to a patent office." Clearly, neither Tichy nor any of the other cited references teach or suggest claim 7 in its current form. For at least similar reasons, claim 17 is allowable.

With respect to claim 9, the office action does not even attempt to formulate a rationale for its rejection. Claim 9 recites "receiving a second signal indicating that the one or more of the electronic documents are final draft documents." The office action asserts that Fabbio's notification reads on this second signal. Notwithstanding the fact that, as noted above, the "notification" of the cited references cannot read on even a first signal, the office action does not even attempt to apply this same notification to read on a second signal, because it cannot. The office action, without explanation, appears to use the same teaching to read on two different claim elements. This is impermissible, and the applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of that rejection.

For these and other reasons, dependent claims 2-11, 13-19, 21-31, 33, 36 and 37 are allowable, and the applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections pertaining to those claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.


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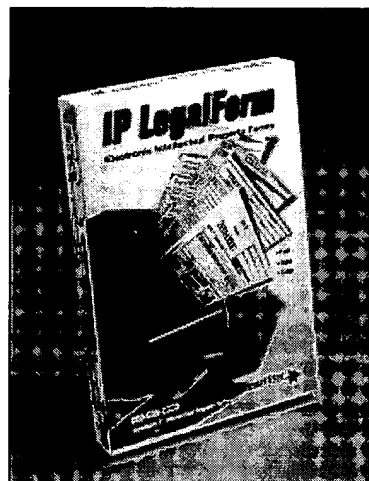
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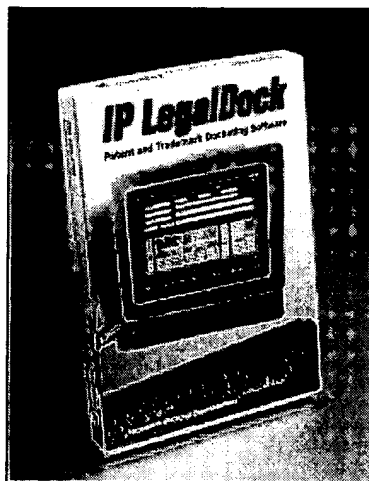
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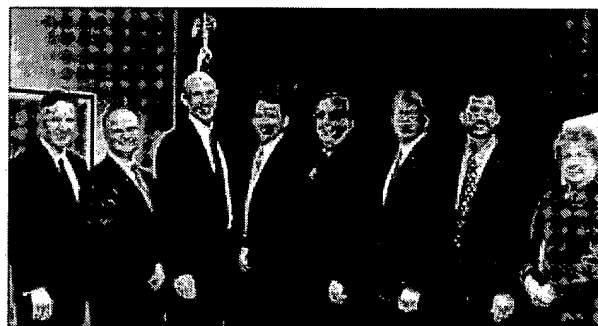
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USPTO Announces Electronic Filing Partnerships As Part of Newly Unveiled Strategic Plan

The Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) today announced the award of partnership contracts for the electronic filing of patent applications as part of its strategic plan to five companies: Aspen Grove, Inc., AutoDocs, LLC, First to File, Inc., LegalStar, Inc and LexisNexis. The partnerships are "no cost contracts" which means that the companies will be providing their services to USPTO customers at no cost to the agency.



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also pictured: Doug Bourgeois, USPTO CIO
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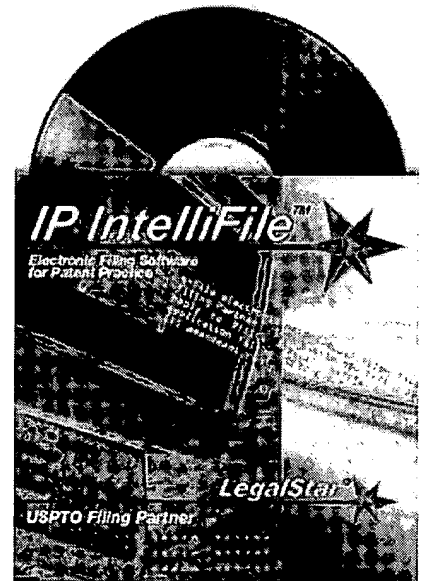
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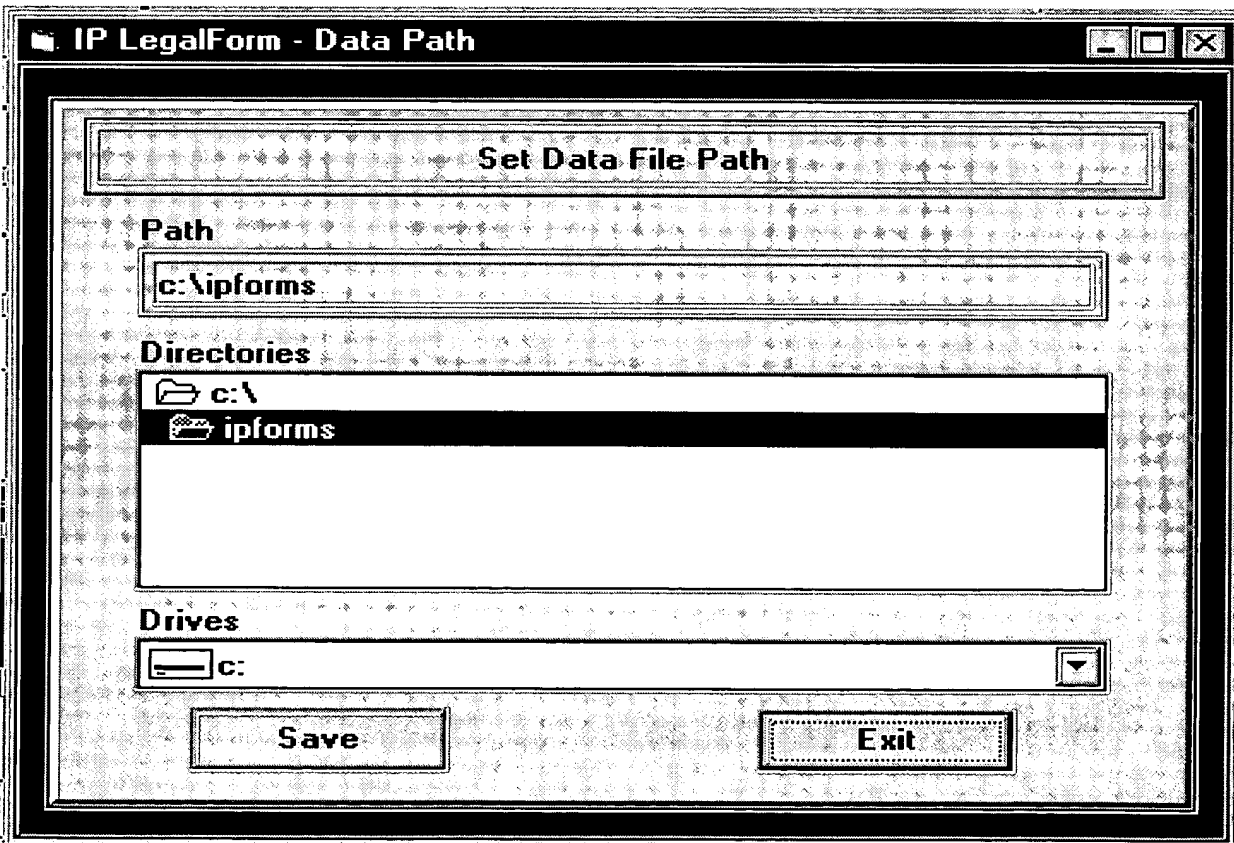
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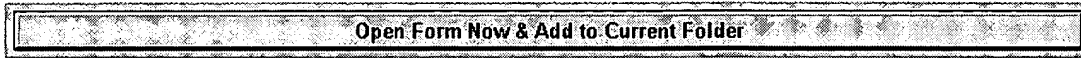
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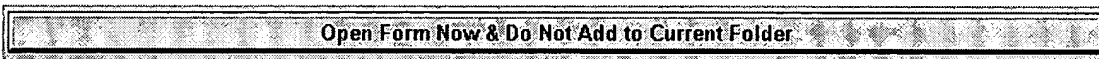
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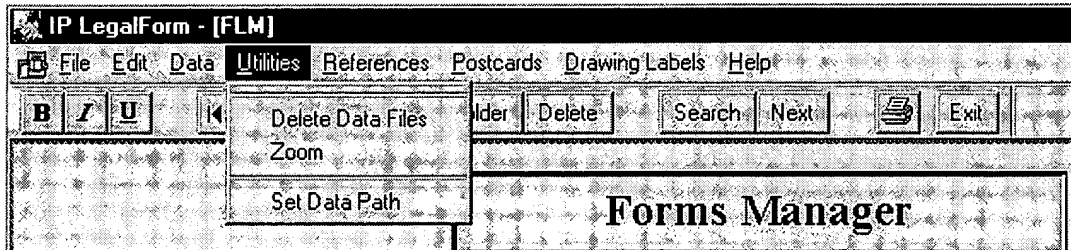
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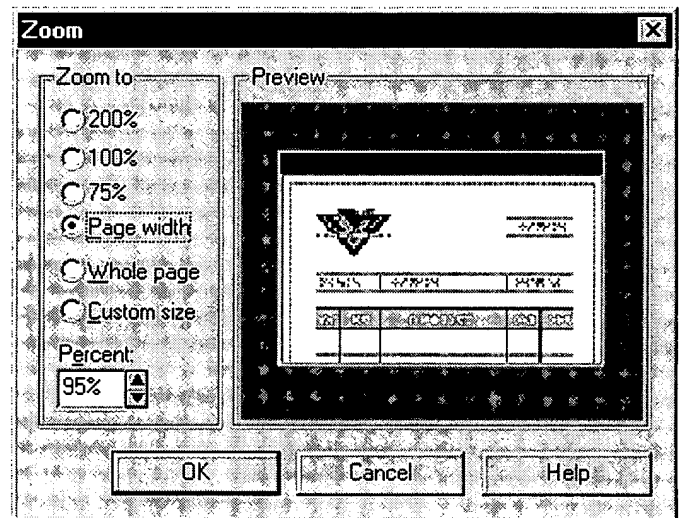
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After opening a form you can create duplicate blank or filled copies of the form as follows: First fill out any fields that you would like to appear on subsequent copies. Next **click** on the “Copy” button. Next **click** on the “Triple Page” icon on the command ribbon. Finally navigate through the copies by **clicking** on the “Up Arrow” and “Down Arrow” buttons on the command ribbon.



Navigating Through the Forms Within a Folder

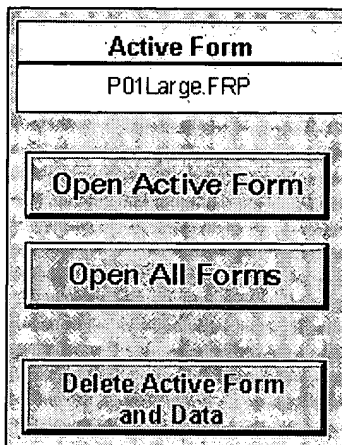


If you have opened all of the forms in a folder, you can navigate through the folder by **clicking** on either the “Right Arrow” or “Left Arrow” buttons located on the command ribbon. The “Right Arrow” button will take you into the next form and the “Left Arrow” button will take you to the previous form.

Returning to the Forms Manager

After the form is complete and you are ready to return to the forms manager **click** on the “Close” button located on the command ribbon. If you have multiple forms open you will have to close all of the forms before returning to the Forms Manager.

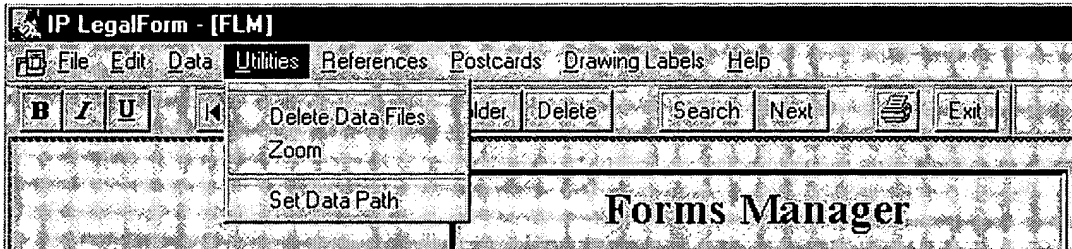
Deleting a Form from a Folder



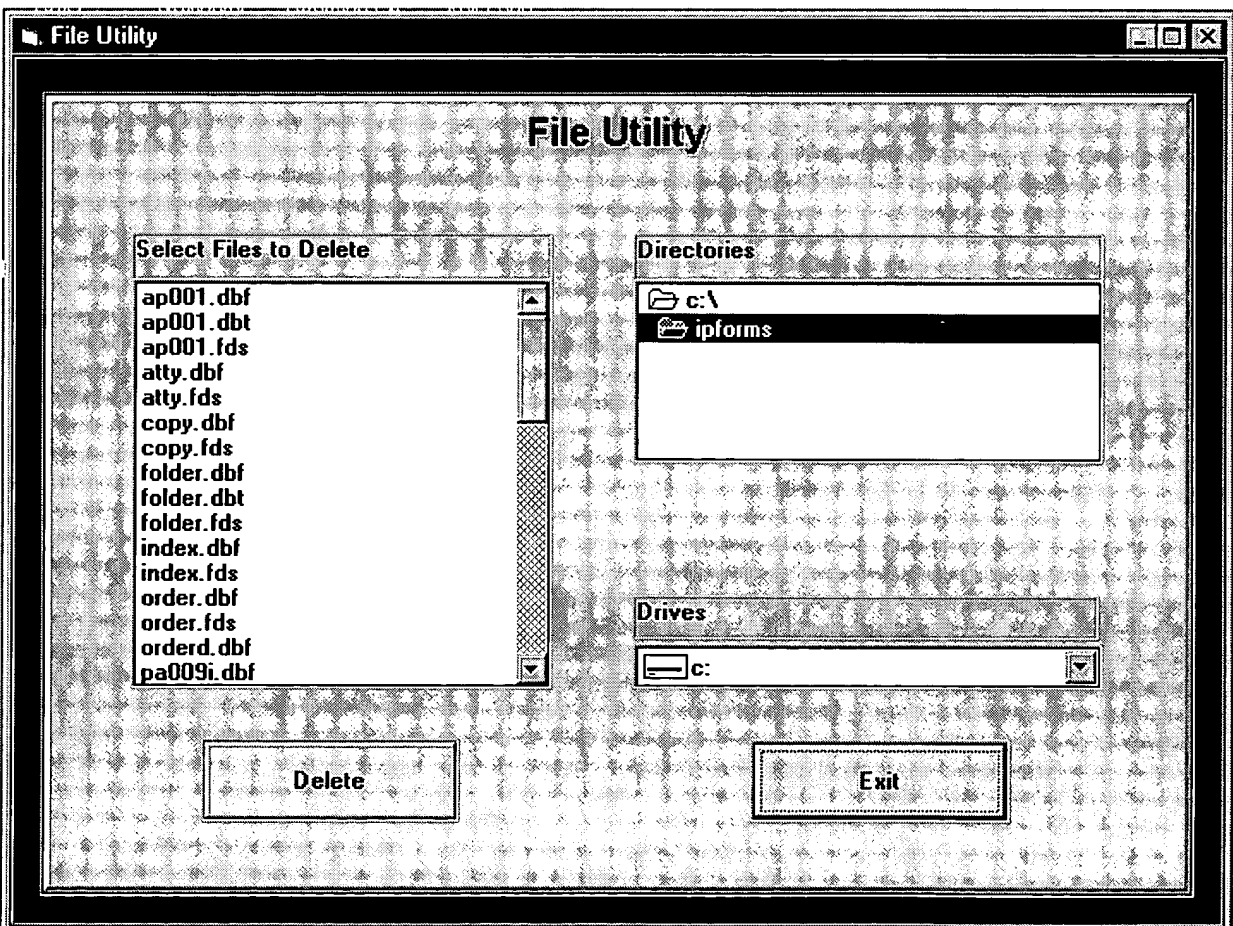
To delete a form from a folder you must first **click** on the name of the form to make it the active form. After the name of the form appears in the active form box you can **click** on the “Delete Active Form and Data” button. When you delete the active form it will also delete any data file associated with that form.

Deleting Data Files (Housekeeping)

Occasionally it may be necessary to delete multiple data files (as opposed to single forms or folders). We recommend that you use this feature sparingly and that deletion of files be done by a system administrator to ensure that valuable data is not lost. This housekeeping can be accomplished by first clicking on "Utilities" from the task bar and then selecting "Delete Data Files":



Once the "File Utility" screen below appears, you can select data files to delete. There are three types of data files: "dbf" are main data files; "dbt" are header files; and "fds" are footer files. All three types of files should be deleted for a specific file name.

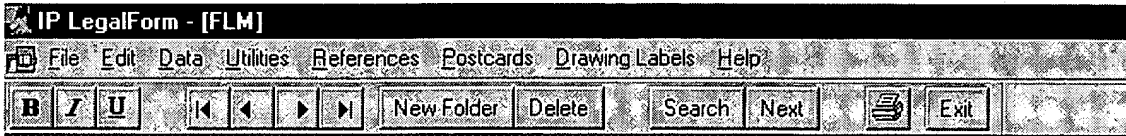


Saving a Folder

No action is required to save a folder. Folders are saved automatically upon exiting the program or opening another folder.

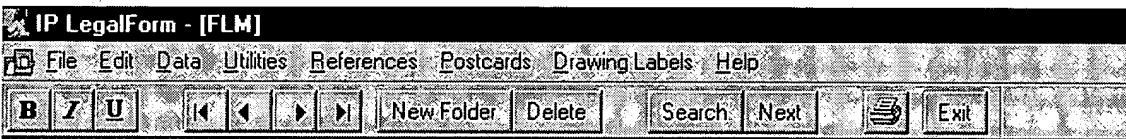
Deleting a Folder

To delete a folder, **click** on the **Delete** button which is located on the command ribbon. When you delete a folder, all of the forms and data associated with those forms will be deleted.



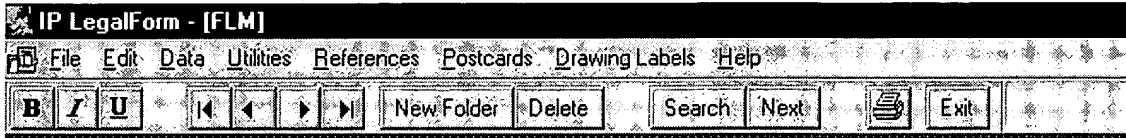
Setting up a New Folder

To create a new folder **click** on the "New Folder" button which is located on the command ribbon in the Forms Manager. If you are working on the last record, you can create a new folder by clicking on the next record or "right arrow" button on the command ribbon.

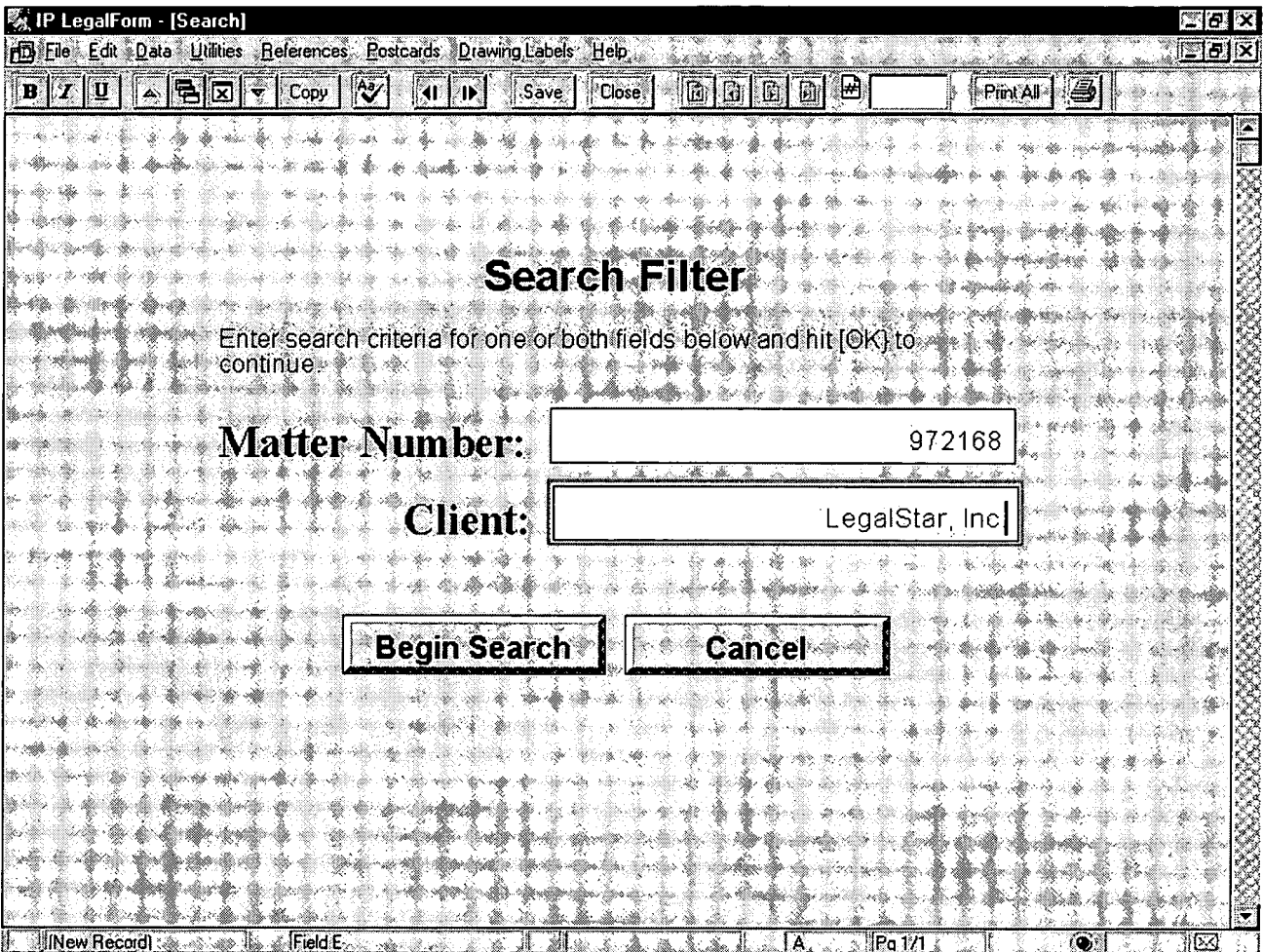


Searching the Folders

There are two ways to search for a previously created folder. First, you can **click** on the arrow keys on the command ribbon to scroll through the folders one record at a time.



Second, you can **click** on the "Search" button located on the command ribbon to search by matter number or client name as shown below:



To search for a particular matter type in all or part of either or both "Matter Number" and "Client" fields and **click** on "Begin Search". If any folders are found that match the search criteria you will automatically be taken to the first record for that folder group. If the folder found by the search is not the one you want, **click** on "Next" on the command ribbon. This will take you to the next record in the folder group that matches your search criteria. Continue to do this until you find the folder you are seeking.

Creating a *LegalStar* Laser Acknowledgment Postcard

Select "Postcards" from the task bar; then select "Complete Postcard". When the postcard form appears on the screen, complete the top of the form by listing the items you are mailing to the USPTO. Complete the return address label on the bottom of the form. When complete, insert a *LegalStar* Laser Acknowledgment Postcard into your laser printer and print the postcard. Break the perforations on the postcard, peel off the return label and place it on the front of the card, add postage and mail.

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Data Utilities

Complete Return Address Label and Affix To Front of Postcard

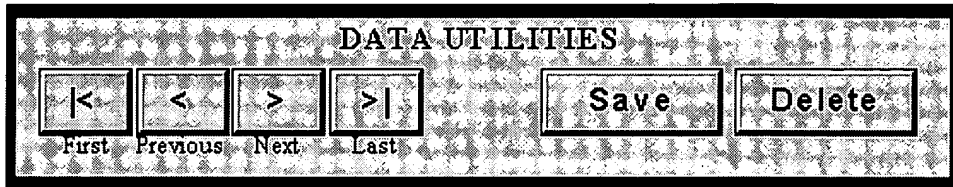
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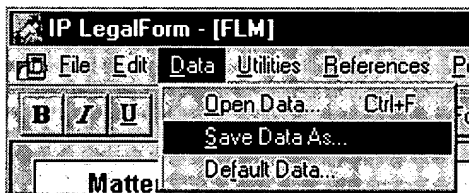
Saving and Retrieving Postcard Data Files

There are two ways to save and retrieve postcard data files. The first, and easier way to save is to use the "Data Utilities" tool in the center of the postcard screen. To save or delete a data file displayed on the screen, simply click "Save" and/or "Delete", respectively. To scroll through saved postcard data files, simply use the arrow keys to the left of the "Save" and "Delete" buttons.

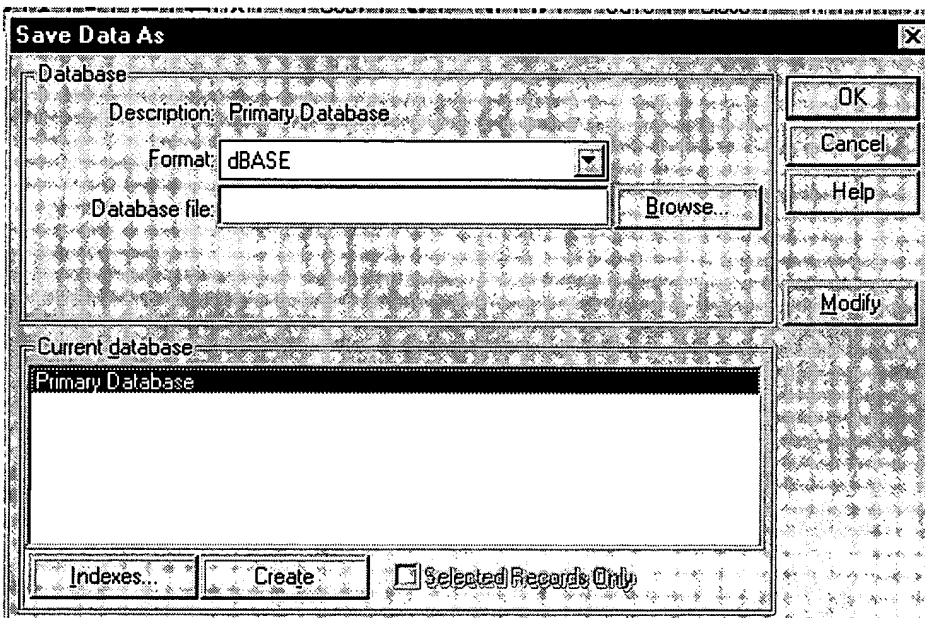


The second way to save and retrieve postcard data files is as follows:

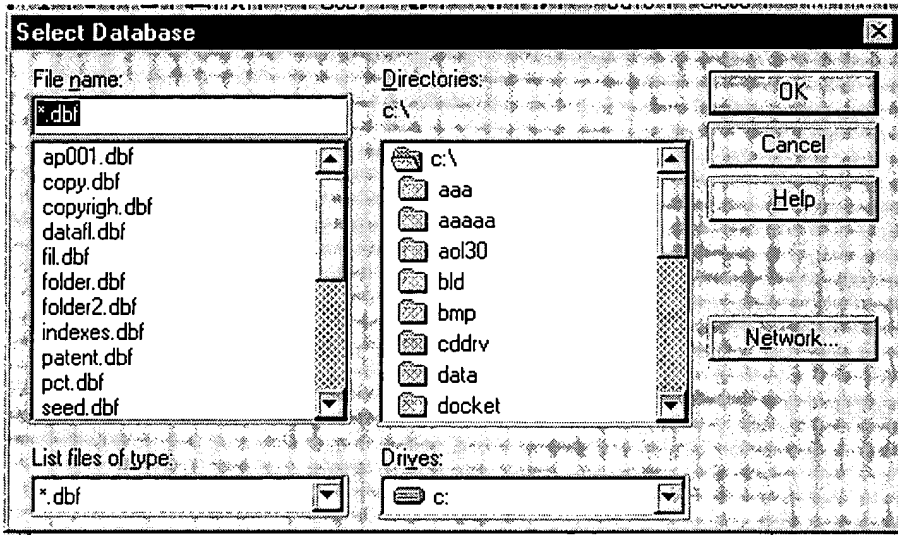
To save a data file: After completing the postcard, select "Data" from the task bar and then select "Save Data As"



Once the "Save Data As" screen appears, you can either enter a data file name (with a ".dbf" suffix), or select "Browse" to select a certain directory and path.

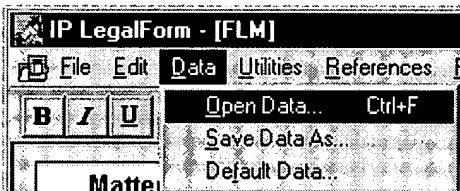


If you select "Browse" the following screen will appear, allowing you to select a particular drive, directory and file name to save your data file:

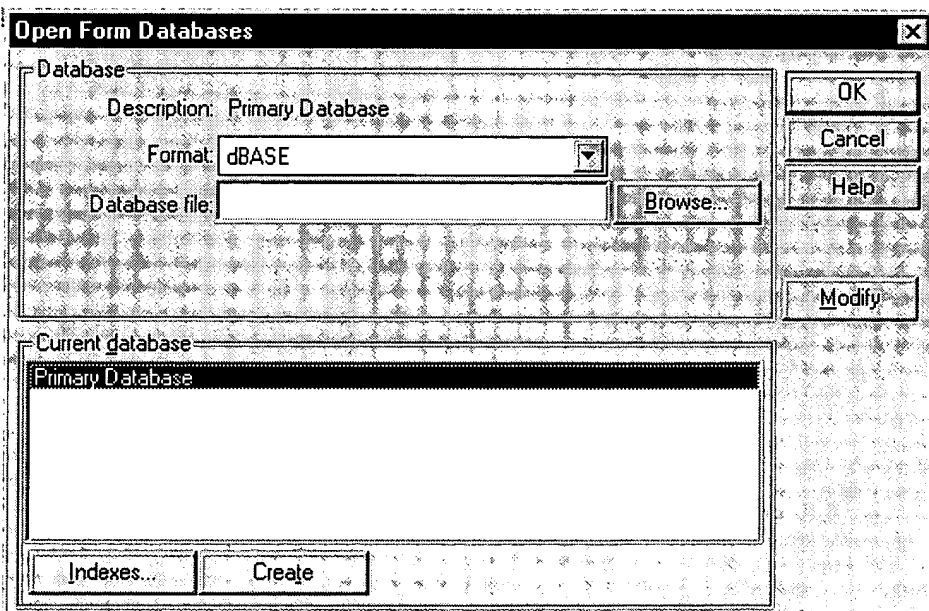


Click on "OK" on the respective screens to save your data file.

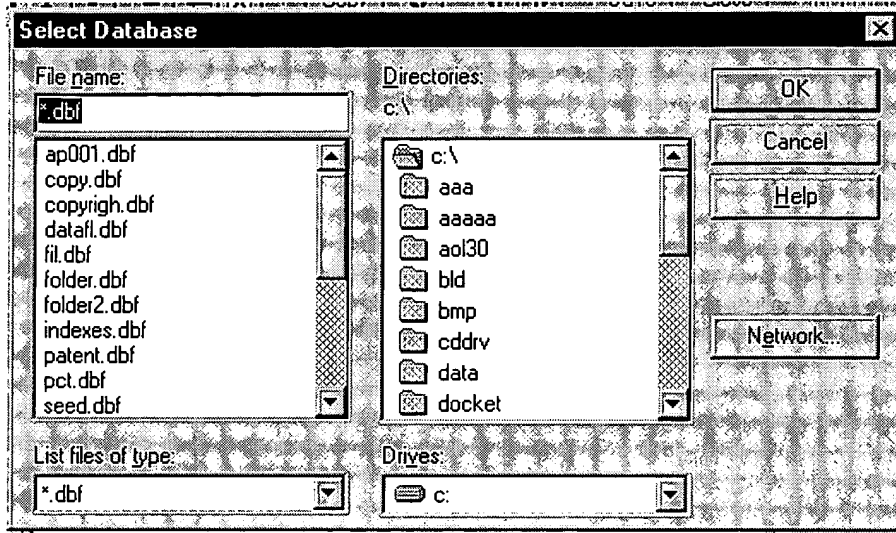
To retrieve a saved data file, click on "Data" from the task bar, and then "Open Data":



Once the "Open Form Databases" screen appears, select "Browse" to find the data file you want to open.



Select the data file you want to open from the "Select Database" screen:



Filling Out a Patent Drawing Label Form

Select "Drawing Labels" from the task bar; then select "Complete Drawing Label". When the drawing label form appears, simply fill in the first label on the sheet, being sure to indicate the total number of labels required. Common data will automatically spread to all the other labels on the sheet. Insert a *LegalStar* Drawing Label Sheet into your laser printer and print the sheet.

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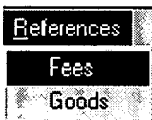
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102/202	1.16(b)	Independent claims in excess of three
103/203	1.16(c)	Claims in excess of twenty
104/204	1.16(d)	Multiple dependent claim
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